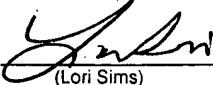


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 24, 2006 (Paper No. Mail Date, not provided), for which a response is due on November 24, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Notice of Appeal along with the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.